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Marginal Column

By SHEV LAQUEUR

ELECTIONS are to take place within the next two months in three of the Arab countries. In the two Hashemite kingdoms authoritarian governments have dissolved refractory parliaments and in Syria an attempt is being made to carry out democratic elections. But in a country where workers, judges, lawyers, policemen and a few other sections of the population have been or are on strike, this is not easily accomplished, and the elections which should have taken place next week have just been postponed for a month. For several weeks "A-Sha'ab", the largest party in the country, has not been able to make up its mind whether to take part in the elections or not. It accused the Army of intervening in the elections and actively supporting the Republican Socialist Party, a left of centre group which is in favour of agrarian reform. "A-Sha'ab" had also waited on the decision of a rival group, the National Party, which took its own time and decided in favour of participation only at a late date and by a small majority. Meanwhile, most of the members of the old and fairly discredited set of Syrian Independents said what they thought about the elections: Khaled el Azm declared he was in favour, Husni Barazi stated he was not, and things came to utter confusion by the end of July.

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IN this situation it was decided to bring back from his Egyptian exile Shukri Kuwatly who had been president of the Syrian Republic from 1943 up to 1949 when Husni Za'im deposed him. Kuwatly, one of the few survivors of the conspiratorial groups of young Arab patriots in the days of Turkish rule, has been in and out of Syrian governments for many years. Prudent man that he is, Kuwatly always preferred to play several cards at once. He was considered a friend by the Nazi armistice commission in 1940, but kept up good relations with the British, too. His family has been working as the Damascus agents of the Saud family of Arabia, and he has had traditionally close ties with Egypt. Kuwatly was given a royal reception at the Damascus airport, there were very moving scenes and embraces, though most of those present had called him a traitor and the personification of corruption only a few months ago. He is now apparently expected to become President of the Republic again, but it is difficult to see how a single man (even if he was much younger and had a better record) would be able to help steer the country out of the present morass. What can be taken for granted is that the Hashemite plans for a "Greater Syria" are now more remote from realisation than they have been for a long time.

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THE Communists too are participating in the Syrian elections. They are comparatively strong in some parts of the country. Back in 1947 Khaled Bakhdash, the party secretary, polled some 11,000 votes in his electoral district. At the last party congress, Bakhdash told the militants that one of their assignments was to "struggle against pseudo-Socialist parties and to unmask them." He named the Republican Socialist Party and the Islamic Socialist Front (the Moslem Brotherhood) and declared that they "try to prevent the growth of popular sympathy for the Soviet Union by calling for a so-called third force or neutrality between the two camps." By now that old line has been put in cold storage, and instead the popular front slogan has gone forth: Bakhdash has been calling all honest and upright patriots from the above-mentioned groups to join him in establishing a broad popular front movement. And he has already administered a warning to the Republican Socialist Party headed by Akram Hourani and Michel Aflak: How can they oppose state religious education (as demanded by the Moslem Brotherhood) at this time? Do they not realise that compromises have to be made in such a coalition, and that the anti-Western orientation of the Moslem Brotherhood is the decisive factor at the present time, not their policy on the domestic scene?

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"A-SHA'AB" has its traditional strongholds in the towns of Northern Syria, while the "Moslem Brotherhood" has Damascus as its bulwark. However, Kuwatly's Nationalists may make a comeback and Shishakly's friends are again active. As things are, predictions seem to be premature. It is not at all certain whether the country will be able to stand elections at all.

Jerusalem, August 10.

How to Demonstrate —British Style

LONDON, Monday (UP). — A hundred angry villagers with colours flying, drums beating and bagpipes skirling marched in parade formation yesterday to Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill's official residence protesting against a Government decision to turn their quarry into a garbage dump.

Their demonstration was all very proper and very British. They took buses and did the last 100 yards on foot, with a colour guard, two drummers and a bagpiper. They rang the Prime Minister's doorbell.

A footman in black suit coat and striped pants answered. They handed him a letter of protest addressed to the Prime Minister.

The footman thanked them, and they thanked the footman. Then they did an about-face and marched back to their buses, bagpipes still skirling.

Development Works Defended by Joseph

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Minister of Development, Dr. Dov Joseph, reaffirmed not only his personal faith in the Ministry's various enterprises but also the great care that was exercised before work began on any of the major industrial projects that have been so much criticized as "ill-advised," in a speech in the development budget debate in the Knesset yesterday. Although he did not add much that was new to his account of the new projects given at the end of last session, he supplied some details and figures that had not been made known before.

He said that while he valued the advice of the expert economists, it had to be kept in mind that the theoretical basis for their conclusions usually derived from the experience of a fully developed economy, and did not always apply in the same way in a developing economy. A daring and dynamic policy had paid off in agriculture and other fields in Israel in the early days, and he had no doubt that it was justified to follow the same principles in developing Israel's natural resources today.

He said that it was utterly untrue to suggest that all that had been done at the Potash Works was "to repaint useless old machinery." Some of the old equipment had been retained, and of course it had been painted, and a good deal of new machinery had been bought to reduce the excessive amount of manual labour required in the old process, introduced at a time when cheap labour was available. By next summer the output would be double the previous maximum, which had been 55,000 tons per year.

Among possible future developments noted by Dr. Joseph were the utilization of Negev deposits of rubidium and small quantities of caesium, both of them rare and extremely valuable metals. Prospects of commercial extraction were now being studied by chemists of the Potash Works.

Speaking of the Deshanim chemical works (Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. of Haifa), the Minister said that the current year's production was expected to save the Government between $2m. and $3m. in foreign currency, with about another $700,000 in profit on exports. In the 1955/56 season Deshanim would save the country $4m. and earn $2m. on exports.

He said that the final transfer of the shares of the Palestine Electric Company would be completed in October, when the Government would formally take over. Mr. Eshkol had been in error when he said that this had already taken place.

Eilat Activity

He said that it was planned to build a saw-mill at Eilat, which would use timber brought there directly from Kenya. Both the mill and a tile factory would be privately-owned enterprises, working with the aid of government credits. The power station at Eilat was now almost finished, and it would be handed over to the Electric Company on condition that the price of electricity at Eilat was no higher than elsewhere in the country.

The Minister of Posts, Dr. Yosef Burg, followed Dr. Joseph with a warm protest against criticism voiced by Mr. Hilliel (Mapai) in the opening stages of the debate last week that the installing of new telephones in Tel Aviv could not be considered "development" in the full sense of the word. He said that 450 localities were now linked to the telephone system, three times as many as in 1948, and the number of lines had risen from 18,000 to 50,000.

Dr. Y. Foerder (Progressives) made an account to show that, taking the devaluation of the Israel currency into account, less was now being spent on development than in the first years of the State. He thought that it was a pity that none of the German Reparation funds had been used for the establishment of Government-owned factories that would help to earn foreign currency.

He also observed that if the Ministry of Finance were to devote as much thought and labour to the problem of attracting investors as he did to agricultural settlement, more private money would flow to Israel. There was no escaping the fact that immigrants and investment capital were now separated, and would continue thus, and this fact would have to be taken into account.

Israel's Share

Mr. S. Dayan (Mapai) said that he considered that too little was contributed toward the development budget by the people of Israel themselves, and asked for a scheme for the return of the remaining subsidies by those who could afford to pay.

Dr. M. Sneh (Left Faction) protested against the spending of large sums on communications, and particularly roads. These, he said, were being built purely for imperial strategic reasons and had nothing to do with production.

Mr. M. Ichilov (General Zionist) objected to the levelling of water prices by Mekorot, so that it cost farmers the same amount regardless of where they were situated, as this prevented cheap production in favourable areas. He also objected to the planting of additional citrus by the Government while little help was available for existing groves. Defending Government aid for private enterprise, he made a surprise attack by asking: "And how much Government money has the split in the Histadrut cost?"

Mr. M. J. Hazani (Hapoel Hamizrahi) said that far from being inflated, as some speakers had claimed, the budget was not

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Committee at Work

The Knesset Finance Committee began work on the Development Budget yesterday, before the draft had even passed its first reading. It is hoped to pass the Bill in its final form within two or three weeks.

New Election Law In Final Stages

The final draft of amendments to the Election Law has been prepared by the Ministry of Interior and will shortly be submitted to the Cabinet Legal Committee, prior to presentation to the Knesset.

The proposed changes are of a technical nature, and if approved, will regulate the national elections to the Third Knesset on August 3, 1955.

According to the draft regulations, made public by the Ministry of Interior, voters will be notified by registered mail during January-February 1955 of their inclusion in the Voters' Register. Those voters who do not receive such notification may appeal until the end of March. After these appeals have been clarified, the Elections Commission will publish the official List of Voters; those again excluded may appeal to the Ministry of Interior within 17 days of the date of the List's publication. Appeals against decisions by the Ministry of Interior may be made to the Courts until June 10.

On June 26 the Ministry of Interior will issue to the Central Elections Commission a list of all additions and changes in the Voters Register, based on the Court decisions.

The country will be divided into 2,000 polling districts; the number of voters in each not to exceed 1,000.

In about two months time, voters will be assigned to their respective polling stations. Appeals against such assignments must be made before December 31 of this year. Voters moving to another election district after December 31 should notify the Ministry of Interior prior to April 30.

No Cabinet Decision On 4% Election Rule

A "4% clause" in Knesset elections, and Israel-American relations were discussed by the Cabinet at its weekly meeting yesterday. The meetings of Ambassador Abba Eban with the U.S. Secretary of State last week figured in the discussion.

It is understood that two Mapai Ministers yesterday expressed themselves in favour of a clause limiting Knesset representation to parties polling at least 4% of the total vote, and that other Mapai Ministers were opposed to the idea.

The General Zionists, who have been pressing for such a clause, spoke in its favour, while both the Hapoel Hamizrahi and Progressive Ministers opposed the limitation. No decision was taken.

The official Cabinet communique stated:

The Cabinet at its weekly meeting yesterday discussed problems connected with the relations between Israel and the United States.

Discussion began on a minimum percentage clause in the Knesset Election Law.

Jordanians Fire On Netiv Halamed Heh

Jordanian riflemen opened fire on a Border Guard unit protecting settlers harvesting in the fields of Netiv Halamed Heh yesterday morning, the Army spokesman has announced. The unit rescued the farmers under a hail of enemy bullets. There were no casualties on the Israel side.

Netiv Halamed Heh, in the Jerusalem Corridor, was the scene of a similar attack by Arab forces on unarmed settlers on July 28, when three were wounded.

Yesterday's surprise attack opened at 10.20 in the morning. The Border Guard withheld its fire at first, but when the volume of the Arabs' shooting did not decrease, they returned the fire and managed to drive away the Jordanians at about 1.30 p.m.

On Saturday night infiltrators from the Gaza Strip stole parts of a car belonging to kibbutz Erez.

The U.N. spokesman yesterday denied all knowledge of four Israelis alleged by Arab sources to have infiltrated into Jordan near Bethlehem. No report of this incident had reached the T.S.O., he said. Neither did the spokesman have any report or complaint from Jordanian sources of the destruction of Walaja village in the Bethlehem area, alleged by "A-Diffa."

"It was learned in Jerusalem yesterday that General Bennike's report on the shooting in Jerusalem at the beginning of last month, will be published today. It was submitted to the U.N. Secretary-General last week.

Terror Spreads In Morocco; Toll Past 300 Mark

RABAT, Morocco, Monday (UP). —At least 22 persons were killed and 100 wounded in the latest outbreak of rioting at Port Lyautey, site of a U.S. naval base, the French authorities announced today.

The casualty figure raised the toll of the terrorist "month of revenge" to at least 211. Police said at least 70 have been killed and 241 wounded.

But they admitted that the frenzied crowds which swept through several towns, burning and pillaging, probably carried off many who fell under police bullets. About 1,500 have been arrested.

The rioting came as some 20,000 Berber tribesmen converged on Rabat to swear loyalty to the pro-French Sultan at tomorrow's Id al Adha ceremonies.

Police fired for five minutes into a mob of some 4,000 Moroccans who erupted through the native quarter of Port Lyautey for two hours yesterday.

Americans, Frenchmen and other Europeans living in the native quarter of Port Lyautey were evacuated yesterday under police protection.

Effects of a Communist-backed Nationalist call for a strike to cripple the country during the religious feast were felt widely in Casablanca, city of 650,000 and the country's economic centre, transportation was slashed in half when native workers stayed home. Production of bread and meat fell by half.

Terrorists passed the word that no one was to sacrifice the traditional sheep in tomorrow's feast. "Those who sacrifice a sheep will have their throats cut with the same knife," tracts warned the populace. Normally some 1,000,000 sheep are slaughtered in Morocco alone every year in commemoration of Abraham's biblical sacrifice. Today, the sheep markets in Rabat, Casablanca and Fez were empty.

Tunis PM Assures Jews of No Bias

PARIS, Monday (JINA). — The new Tunisian Premier, Mr. Tahar Ben Ammar, declared that the Tunisian Government will not be based on religion but will provide equal rights and opportunities for all. He said this in an hour-long meeting with Mr. Zacharia Shuster, Director of the European office of the American Jewish Committee.

The Premier assured Mr. Shuster that there will be no discrimination against Jews in religious, economic, social and cultural fields.

On Friday, Jewish leaders met to formulate a programme to submit to the Government for the protection of the rights of Tunisian Jews. This afternoon, Mr. Maurice Perlzweig, of the World Jewish Congress, arrived here to meet with the Premier.

Burns Reporting To UN Headquarters

By JESSE EDEL LURIE, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

UNITED NATIONS, Monday.—Major-General E.L.M. Burns, newly appointed Chief of Staff of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine, will arrive in New York tomorrow, en route to Jerusalem, where he will relieve Major-General Vagn Bennike. General Burns will be in New York for about a week for briefings by U.N. officials and meetings starting Wednesday with members of the Israel and Arab delegations. Since Israel's Permanent Delegate, Mr. A. Eban, is leaving for Israel on Wednesday afternoon, General Burns will probably be briefed by Mr. Eban's deputy, Mr. M. Kidron.

Major-General E.L.M. BURNS

Portugal 'Ready To Defend' Goa; Troops Sent

LONDON, Monday. — Portugal today despatched troop reinforcements for her settlements in India where tension mounted as a result of recent demonstrations by Indian nationalists for the liquidation of Portuguese enclaves.

At the same time, the Portuguese Foreign Minister, Dr. Paulo Cunha, announced that Portugal proposed to India today that a six-nation team of neutrals investigate their dispute over Goa, the tiny Portuguese settlement on India's west coast. Dr. Cunha warned that the situation was "extremely dangerous" and that Portugal was "ready to defend" its territory in India.

Goa has an area of some 1,348 miles and a population of just over a half a million. Indian "liberation" forces have threatened to march into Goa next weekend.

The Portuguese Government proposed that India and Portugal each would name three nations to a team of "observers" who would be allowed full freedom to investigate the situation in Goa and the surrounding Indian territory. Dr. Cunha asked for a reply from India by tomorrow.

Indian Repudiation

India today emphatically repudiated the "unwarranted implication" about the possible use of force in last week's British Note about the Portuguese settlements, and said she is determined to pursue a peaceful approach. Indian troops were reported today to have sealed off the border between India and Portuguese Daman three days ago. All-India Radio said that Goa was in a state of siege. Next Sunday, the anniversary of Indian independence, is said to have been chosen by Goan "volunteers" from India for a non-violent demonstration march on Goa.

The border between Goa and Karwar (Bombay State) was closed to bus traffic today and the road was barricaded with stones and barbed wire, according to a "Press Trust of India" report. Reports from the Goa frontier said police have been ordered to open fire on anyone trying to cross into Portuguese territory from India after Tuesday. *(Reuter, UP)*

India, France Agree On Territory Transfer

NEW DELHI, Monday (Reuter). —India and France today reached agreement in principle on the transfer of French settlements to India, according to Indian sources.

It may be some time before a detailed treaty is drawn up and signed by both countries, following negotiations between the French Ambassador, Count Stanislas Stroreg, and officials of the Indian External Affairs Ministry.

It is understood that France has asked India to guarantee three points if she evacuates Pondicherry and Karaikal, the remaining French settlements in India. They are:

1) Maintenance of French language and culture.

2) Reasonable compensation for assets of French public institutions.

3) Assurance of facilities for French citizens wishing to remain to run schools, hospitals and religious institutions.

Suez Pact Signing Expected Sept. 1

The Arab News Agency reported from Cairo yesterday that the Anglo-Egyptian agreement on the evacuation of the British from the Suez Zone will be formally signed on September 1.

It further reported that the Egyptian Government will tomorrow submit a memorandum to the British Government demanding payment of money owing to Egypt for the supply of water and other services to the British in the Suez Zone.

Saud Incites Jordan Against UK

BOSTON, Monday (JINA).—The which Britain is giving Jordan. fear that the National Guard in Jordan may launch a full-scale series of attacks inside Israel territory is entertained by Lt.-Gen. John Bagnot Glubb, commanding officer of the Arab Legion. That fear was reported yesterday from Amman by the correspondent of the "Christian Science Monitor."

The correspondent said, "If this should happen there is a strong possibility that England may of her own accord step out of her role of protector and banker to Jordan. This is apparently the result the Jordanian anti-British bloc wishes to achieve.

"If England moves out, certainly Glubb will follow, which will mean, at once, at least in the Middle East, of an inconceivable colour. It may well spell the disintegration of the famed Arab Legion."

The correspondent reported that there is much intrigue against Britain in Jordan, and that both England and Glubb are encountering heavy opposition from an active group within the Jordan Government as a result of a secret agreement signed recently between King Hussein, of Jordan, and King Saud, of Saudi Arabia.

The ruler of Saudi Arabia was reported to have obligated himself under this agreement to punish the Hijaz, annual gift The amount of £7.3m., of this total was given into maintaining the Arab Legion, the 14,000-man fighting body that Glubb has built up over a period of two decades.

It was stated that the King of Arabia in no uncertain terms asked that Jordan fling aside the lingering hand of England, the country solely responsible for the creation of Jordan.

It was reported that King Saud suggested he would be willing to help support the Jordanian National Guard which patrols the Jordan-Israel border. At the same meeting King Saud reportedly said that such financial support would be withheld if the National Guard was placed under the command of Glubb.

In turn Glubb has long insisted that a move toward such a unified command would be in the best interests of the country. King Saud, going a big step further, said that perhaps above all he wanted to see Glubb removed from his present command, the correspondent reported.

There is no doubt, said the correspondent, that the Arab Legion is confronted by this unexpected turn of events which may result in Glubb being ousted from the post he has held so long, the "Monitor" reporter concluded.

Joint Military Assistance Alliance Signed at Bled

Balkan Pact to Last 20 Years

BLED, Slovenia, Monday (Reuter). — At a three-minute ceremony here today the Foreign Ministers of Yugoslavia, Greece and Turkey signed a 20-year Balkan military alliance saying that any aggression on one will be treated as an attack on all.

The other two "will render assistance individually and collectively to the attacked party or parties by taking, in common accord and immediately, all measures including the use of armed forces which they consider necessary for an efficacious defence."

Western observers believe this formula was less strong than one originally proposed to provide full and immediate aid automatically against aggression, but as now drawn up it harmonized with the defence commitments of the Atlantic Pact members.

According to Article 10 the Balkan alliance provisions may not be interpreted as affecting in any way Greek and Turkish rights and obligations in the Atlantic Pact.

Six Principles

The three Ministers also decided to submit to their Governments six "general principles" governing the formation of a Balkan Consultative Assembly. They recommended that the Assembly be composed of an equal number of members of each country and should meet regularly at least once a year.

The Assembly's recommendations would be advisory to the three Governments. The Ministers left further details of the Assembly's organization to be worked out by the three Governments.

The three Ministers, Mr. Stephen Stephanopoulos of Greece, Mr. Koca Popovic of Yugoslavia, and Mr. Fuad Koprulu, of Turkey, will meet twice yearly as a permanent council and direct the working of the pact.

They have also agreed "on the question of holding a conference of Chiefs of General Staff in the near future," their communique said.

The Greek Foreign Minister told a Press conference that the text of the pact allowed for the possibility of other countries joining it under certain conditions, Tanjug the Yugoslav news agency, reported.

95 Divisions

Given the blessing of the Atlantic treaty powers, the pact will seal off one of the weakest points in West Europe's defences. It will weld together for Western defence 95 divisions of some of the world's finest fighting men. Military experts estimate that with full mobilization, Yugoslavia and Turkey could each raise 35 divisions while Greece would contribute 25.

Greece and Turkey are members of NATO, but Yugoslavia is not. It is thought that the NATO powers would not be automatically committed if Yugoslavia were attacked and Greece and Turkey went to her aid. But an attack on Greece or Turkey would automatically bring in the NATO powers, as well as Yugoslavia.

In London, the signing of the alliance was immediately hailed by the Foreign Office as an important gain to the stability of the area.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the British Government "has always been anxious for the development of close and friendly relations between Yugoslavia, Greece and Turkey."

US, UK Agree On Asia Pact Blueprint

LONDON, Monday (UP).—The U.S. and Britain have agreed on a joint blueprint for South-East Asia defence arrangements to be discussed at a conference next Monday in the Far East, official sources disclosed today.

The blueprint will be presented to the meeting as a basis for the negotiations of a South-East Asian Defence Organization, the sources said.

It emerged from consultations between the U.S. and Britain in Washington following the Geneva Far Eastern conference and offers various alternatives for the projected SEATO, the officials said. The U.S. and Britain are now discussing the date and place for the meeting. It is expected to open next month somewhere in the Far East.

The projected conference will be attended by the U.S., Britain, France, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand and the Philippines. Efforts are still being made by Britain to persuade the Colombo Powers—India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Indonesia and Burma—to join the talks, but so far only Pakistan has shown readiness to participate.

At New Delhi, a government spokesman today confirmed reports that Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru had told the Prime Minister of Ceylon, Sir John Kotelawala, that he thought there was no reason for a meeting of the Colombo Powers to discuss the proposed forming of SEATO.

Vietnam Rifles Kill 40 Civilian Rioters

PARIS, Monday. — Forty civilians, including women and children, were killed when Vietnamese soldiers opened fire to break up a demonstration outside a military post at Cachi, about 30 kms. west of Saigon, it was reported from Indo-China today.

The French News Agency said the civilians, encouraged by Vietminh elements, fired shots during the demonstration. The Vietnamese soldiers, believing they were seriously threatened, returned the fire.

It was the gravest civilian disorder in South Vietnam and brought the toll of dead in incidents to 63 for the past week.

The cease-fire for this area is still two days away, but already Communist administrative cadres appeared openly in towns and villages in the rice country around Saigon, proclaiming that South Vietnam would be in the hands of Ho Chi Minh within six months.

The mob, composed of several hundred armed Vietnamese villagers, hurled itself against the defence post of Cachi.

The incident at Cachi came as rumblings against the Government of Premier Ngo Dinh Diem grew louder and political observers worried about a possible coup d'etat to overthrow the tottering regime of absent Emperor Bao Dai. *(UP, Reuter)*

Formosa Sinks Eight Chinese Warships

TAIPEH, Monday (Reuter). — The Formosan navy claimed to have sunk eight Chinese warships today off the southern Fukien coast.

A communique said Nationalist ships encountered five Communist gunboats and three motorized junks, shelled and sank them without loss.

Attlee Delegation Off to China

LONDON, Monday (UP). — Former Prime Minister Clement Attlee set out today on a goodwill mission to China via Moscow declaring that the trip made no difference in the British Labour Party's friendship for the United States.

Mr. Attlee led a delegation of seven other top Labour leaders on a mission of "peaceful coexistence" which already has provoked controversy both in Britain and the United States.

"I do not see why it should cause any misunderstanding," he told questioners at the London airport who asked him to comment on charges that the two-week official Labour Party visit would cause bad blood between Britain and the U.S.

Friendship With US

"Our friendship holds with the U.S. We are in favour of world peace and the more contacts we can make the better. Because we recognise a regime, it does not mean we approve of everything it does," he said.

Others in the delegation are Labour Party Chairman Wilfred Burke, Vice-Chairman Edith Summerskill, Party Secretary Morgan Phillips, mine leader Sam Watson, textile workers leader Barry Marshall and former railway workers leader R. Franklin, and Mr. Aneurin Bevan.

Mr. Bevan declared that there was a very real danger that China would be driven into the same isolation that Russia was driven into after the Communist revolution there, and the danger "stemmed from certain elements in the United States."

Bullitt Urges Invasion Of China Immediately

NEW YORK, Monday (Reuter). — Mr. William Bullitt, former U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union, said in an article in "Look" magazine today there should be an immediate invasion of People's China.

Such an invasion would involve a minimum of American troops and "Korean and Chinese soldiers would bear the burden of ground fighting," he said.

Nation-Wide Strikes Threaten W. Germany

FRANKFURT, Monday (UP). —A nationwide transport, public utilities and services strike suddenly threatened West Germany today as 200,000 Bavarian metalworkers walked out in the nation's second major strike in a week.

The mushrooming labour unrest — by far the worst experienced by West Germany since World War II — appeared to herald the first major post-war showdown between capital and labour in the Federal Republic.

Dayan Decorated with Legion Of Honour by French Chief of Staff

PARIS, Monday. — Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan, Chief of Staff of the Israel Army, today was made a Commander of the Legion of Honour, one of France's highest decorations.

In the course of his official visit here Rav-Aluf Dayan conferred today with Defence Minister General Pierre Koenig and General Augustin Guillaume, French Army Chief of Staff.

After reviewing an honour guard at the Dome des Invalides, which holds Napoleon's tomb, General Guillaume bestowed the decoration on Rav-Aluf Dayan. The ceremony was witnessed by Israel Ambassador and his staff and representatives from Quai d'Orsay.

On his arrival yesterday, Rav-Aluf Dayan expressed his pleasure at being the guest of General Guillaume.

"France proved her friendship and sympathy for the people of Israel well before the establishment of the State and during the darkest hours through which we passed," he said. "During the six years since the creation of the State bonds of true friendship were established with the great state which is France and our small state, so new and yet so old. Notable on the military side, France contributed to the instruction of our Army, opened its schools to our students and sent to Israel at our request General De Bercheux to lecture to our officers.

"I am convinced that the bonds of this friendship based upon common cultural values and principles of liberty and progress will become even closer in the future and that we will always find France a sure and powerful friend, and that France will find the State of Israel a faithful and sincere friend."

DAYAN

GUILLAUME

Unlike other high-ranking foreign military leaders who have visited here in recent years, Rav-Aluf Dayan will not be conducted around NATO headquarters. He will confine his visits to army officers with whom he will discuss matters of mutual interest in an informal manner.

(JINA, Reuter)

MIDDLE GRADE

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Commander of the Legion of Honour is the middle grade in the five-grade order of the French Republic. Nearly two years ago, Aluf-Mishne Emanuel Wilner, then Israel Military Attache in France, received the rank of Chevalier, the first grade of the order.

A few weeks ago, Aluf-Mishne Shlomo Erel, flotilla commander, received a Greek order for his work in rescuing Greek islanders after the Cephalonia earthquake.

Several British orders were distributed to Israel army officers for distinction gained in the British army during World War II.

'Pravda' Charges Persia Plans Western Alliance

LONDON, Monday (Reuter). — "Pravda" said today that Persia was trying to waive the responsibilities assumed in 1927 under the terms of the Soviet-Iranian pact of friendship and non-aggression.

Persia was "now contemplating joining the aggressive Middle Eastern bloc, the framework of which has been provided by the Turkish-Pakistani military agreement," the newspaper charged, pointing out that this was contrary to the letter and spirit of the 1927 agreement.

"Any attempt on the Persian Government to enter aggressive agreements directed against the Soviet Union must be regarded as prejudicial to the basic interests of Persia, unwished for by the Persian people and unprovoked by the Soviet Union, whose traditional friendship for Persia has been known for a long time."

Survey Mission For Suez This Week

LONDON, Monday (Reuter). — The Federation of British Industries today announced the composition of a survey mission which will study the future maintenance of the Suez Canal Base by civilian contractors when the British garrison leaves.

Formed by the Federation at the British Government's request the mission, consisting of 14 members, will fly to Egypt this week. Members will carry Egyptian visas and travel as ordinary civilians.

A Federation statement said the mission would be away for about two weeks. Leader of the mission will be Sir John Duncanson, a director of the National Research Development Corporation, and of the Commercial Bank of Scotland and of the Lancashire Steel Corporation.

Accompanying the mission will be three War Office representatives.

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GOLDEN FLAKE THOROUGH MACEDONIAN TOBACCO

Social & Personal

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Sharett entertained to lunch yesterday the Minister of Health and Mrs. Joseph Sprinzak, the heads of the Jewish Agency's Youth and Aliyah Departments and Mrs. Eliahu Dobkin, Mr. and Mrs. Yisrael Yakovsky, and Mr. Yitzhak Barkavi, of Buenos Aires. Mr. Moshe Yue, of the Foreign Ministry, and the Director of the State of Israel Bonds and Mrs. Leo Kitover in the afternoon the Prime Minister and Mrs. Sharett entertained to tea the former British Minister of Transport, Mr. G. R. Strauss, M.P., Mrs. Strauss and their daughter and Mrs. Gideon Talmor of the Foreign Ministry. Mr. Strauss yesterday visited the Israel National Museum. He was entertained to lunch by Mr. Levi Eshkol, the Minister of Finance, and Mr. Ted Kollek, Director General of the Prime Minister's Office.

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The head of the U.S.O.M. in Israel, Dr. Lincoln Hale, paid a courtesy call yesterday on the Speaker of the Knesset, Mr. Joseph Sprinzak. He was accompanied by Mr. Ralph Goldman, Director of the Technical Assistance Department in the Prime Minister's Office. Later, Dr. Hale and Mr. Goldman called on Dr. G. Josephthal, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency.

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The members of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee held a luncheon yesterday for their Chairman, Mr. Meir Argov, M.K., who has returned to his duties after a long illness. Present at the luncheon were Mr. Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of the Knesset, Mr. Pinhas Lavon, Minister of Defence, Mr. Walter Eytan, Director General of the Foreign Ministry, and Mr. Moshe Rosette, clerk to the Knesset.

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The Galilee Military Governor, Egan-Aluf A. Cohen, has sent greetings to Arab villagers and notables on the occasion of the El Adha feast. His representatives and police officers also paid personal visits of greetings to the Mukhtar and notables of Moslem and Druze villages. Acre Mayor Y. Kadish visited the heads of the Moslem Community to pay his respects.

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Dr. Georg Halpern, chairman of Migdal Insurance Company, Ltd., left by air for Switzerland and Holland yesterday.

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Mr. Moshe Gertzberg, Director of the Productivity Institute of the Ministry of Labour, has returned after spending three months in connection with his work in England, Denmark, Sweden, Austria and Italy. The results of his trip will be considered by the Ministry with a view to improving productivity.

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Dr. Israel Hayman, Pediatrician at the Tel Aviv Municipal Hospital, has left with Mrs. Hayman, for a year's study in the U.S.

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Miss Betsy De La Porta, the South African mezzo-soprano who had taken part in the Contemporary Music Festival in Haifa and in other concerts, left by El Al for Europe yesterday.

'Queen of the Vine' Will Tour America

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A nation-wide tour of major American cities is being planned for the lucky girl chosen as Queen of the Vine at the vintage festival in Zichron Ya'akov on Wednesday.

A grape-bedecked throne is being erected at Zichron for the Queen, whose coronation will climax the vintage celebrations.

The competition, open to all Israelis between the ages of 18 and 29, is being sponsored by the Carmel Wine Co. Entrance forms are available at offices of the Government Tourist Centres in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ Exhibitions—
"Craftsmanship at the Dawn of History." Exhibition of Chalcolithic vessels. Exhibit of the month: "Pottery," watercolour by Paul Klee. Display of three panel "Views of Old Jerusalem," National Museum Rehavia, 9-1, 3-4 p.m.

Wooden Masks by A. Tschitz. Sketches by E. Frois. Illustrations by Z. Goldschmidt, Israel Touring Club Talbieh, 4-7 p.m.

"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition, 10-1, 4-6 p.m.

★ Archaeology—
Department of Antiquities Special exhibition chalcolithic objects from Tell Abu-Matar, early Beersheba, including various finds from a Chalcolithic and Middle Bronze mass grave near Tell Asawir, Rehov Shlomtsion Hamalkah. Open 9-1, 4-6.

★ Libraries—
American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Hamelitz Sq., Mamilla, 9-12, 2-6 p.m.

★ Tours—
Hebrew University Sunday tour, port administration building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ Film Shows—
Karen Hayward, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Exhibitions—
Memorial Exhibition for Moshe Smoira, Museum, 10-1, 3-7 p.m.

★ Theatres —
Chamber Theatre, Summer revue until Sept. 6, 10.45.

Habimah, "Tel Golan" Habimah Theatre, 8.30 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

★ Theatres—
Ha-Ta'Sh, "Sivan, The Garden Princess," Ramat Hadar, 6.30 p.m.

HATANYA

★ Theatres—
Habimah, "The Dybbuk," 8.30 p.m.

LAW REPORT

THE JERUSALEM POST

August 10, 1954

In the Supreme Court Sitting as a Special Tribunal
Before: Justices Agranat, Lamdan and Ezer Y. Hackman

(S.T. 1/50)

Esther Sidess, Applicant v. The President of the Execution Office, Jerusalem, and Shlomo Sidess, Respondent.

WIFE'S DOWRY IS "A MATTER OF MARRIAGE"

The Supreme Court sitting as a Special Tribunal, constituted according to Section 79 of the Palestine Order in Council, 1922, was asked in this case to decide whether the Rabbinical Court had exclusive jurisdiction in the matter of a husband's right of usufruct of that part of his wife's dowry known as Jewish Law as *Nichse Melug*.

The wife, Esther Sidess, claiming the right of the Rabbinical Court to adjudicate, without her specific consent, on a matter pertaining to her husband's enjoyment of the profits accruing to her from the investment of part of her dowry maintained that this was not an action which fell within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Rabbinical courts.

The Palestine Order in Council, 1922, granted exclusive jurisdiction to the Rabbinical Courts in matters of personal status pertaining to "matters of marriage and divorce, alimony confirmation of wills, etc." of Palestinian citizens of the Jewish faith, whilst granting parallel jurisdiction to the District Courts in other matters of personal status, such as maintenance and guardianship.

Whenever a matter of personal status falls within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Rabbinical Courts, then the consent of both parties to the action is not required in order that the matter should be referred to the appropriate Rabbinical Court. When, however, the matter of personal status is not included in those specifically cited in Section 53 of the Order in Council as being within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Rabbinical Courts, then the latter may deal with them only with the consent of both of the parties concerned.

Dowry According To Jewish Law

According to Jewish Law, a woman's dowry is divided into two kinds: *Nichse Tzon Barzel*, which the husband may use at his pleasure during the existence of the marriage, but which must be returned intact to the wife at the termination of the marriage; and *Nichse Melug*, which remains in the wife's possession, the husband being entitled only to the enjoyment of any profit or proceeds thereof.

In the present case, the Rabbinical Court had decided that the husband was entitled to receive the rent generated from a building owned by his wife and that the latter could not prevent him from doing so.

Counsel for the Applicant, Mr. A. Lowitsky, argued that the Rabbinical Court had no jurisdiction in the matter since this was not included in matters of personal status as defined in Section 51, and certainly not in matters confined to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Rabbinate as defined in Section 53.

Mr. S. Misrachi, on the other hand, maintained on behalf of the respondents that questions concerning the dowry of a wife arose from the existence of the married state, were therefore connected with marriage and therefore fell under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Rabbinate, according to Section 53.

Judgment

The Special Tribunal, in a judgment delivered by Justice Agranat, decided that a suit to ensure the husband's right of usufruct of his wife's *Nichse Melug* was a "matter of marriage" and had, therefore, at the time of the litigation, come within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Rabbinical Courts. The Court emphasized the reference to "the time of the litigation" since subsequently, after the promulgation of the Law of Family Rights, the Women's Equal Rights Law was abolished in so far as the positive law of Israel is concerned.

In reaching its decision, the Court held that "matters of marriage" should not be interpreted so strictly as to comprise only matters pertaining to the validity of a marriage, but should be so interpreted as to include all manner of rights which follow naturally and automatically from the existence of the marital state.

Since, in the days of the Ottoman Rule the claim of a husband of the Jewish faith to rights in his wife's property was regarded as pertaining to marriage and entrusted to the Rabbinical Courts, and since the Mandatory Government had indicated its intention of maintaining the practice in existence when it took over occupation of the country, it was reasonable to conclude, the Court continued that the Mandatory Legislature intended this practice to be continued. Furthermore, as it was clear that rights in a wife's dowry could be regarded as pertaining to marriage, it was therefore a matter of personal status. If the Mandatory Government had not intended including these rights amongst those matters of personal status included in section 53, then the supposition was that they intended to give the District Court parallel jurisdiction in dealing with them.

But the District Court, in dealing with matters of personal status, applied the personal law of the parties (in this case Jewish Law) only when the subject of the action was specifically included amongst those matters of personal law as defined in Section 51. If it were argued, therefore, that claims regarding a wife's dowry were not included in matters of personal status according to Section 51, but were nevertheless matters pertaining to marriage, as proved by the Court, then the logical inference to be drawn was that there existed a lacuna in our law, in which case recourse could be had to the laws of marriage of the Common Law.

This inference was dismissed by the Court, which held that the only conclusion which could be drawn from all the arguments and contentions was that the Mandatory Legislature had intended giving the Rabbinate exclusive jurisdiction in dealing with suits regarding the enjoyment of a wife's dowry.

The Court then turned its attention to the question of whether the personal law of the parties should be applied when the husband claims his rights to the proceeds of his wife's dowry from a third party, and concluded that it was within the bounds of possibility that where as a direct claim against the wife would fall under "matters pertaining to marriage," a claim against a third party would be regarded as being a monetary matter to be dealt with only by the secular courts.

The Special Tribunal held, therefore, that the Jerusalem Rabbinical Court acted within its jurisdiction in delivering judgment on a suit connected with *Nichse Melug* brought directly against a wife.

Judgment, given on July 30, 1954.

For the Applicant: Messrs. Lowitsky & Mack.

For the Respondents: Mr. S. Misrachi.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 527 M.; HAIFA: 389 M.; TEL AVIV: 19.8, 25.5 & 202 M.

FIRST PROGRAMME

NEWS: Hebrew: 7a.m., 7.30, 8.00, 6.15, 8.30 & 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 9 a.m. 2.15 and 6.30 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.30 Close Down.

12.00 M. Music at Noon. 12.15 Housewives' Corner. 12.50 Light Music (R). 1.30 Break for Music (R). 2.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Programme for Women. 4.35 Light Music (R). 5.05 Agricultural Programme. 5.15 Labour Corner. 6.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Haifa Programme. 7.45 Sports. 7.48 Talk. 8.00 Light Music (R). 8.45 Festival. 9.00 Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Israel Police Band. Kol Mos Chalutz Band. Rehovot & Rishon Lezion Choirs. Soloists. Opera Excerpts. Works by Israel Composers. Arranged Music. 10.55 Billboard. 10.55 Announcements (R). 11.00 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

490, 202, 196, 49.3 M.

Reception: 1.45 p.m. 10.15 p.m. French News: 2.00 p.m. Hebrew News: 7.30 p.m. 10.15 p.m. TV HOUR (25.5, 24.9 M.). French: 7.30 p.m. Hebrew: 8.00 p.m. English: 8.30 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (22.2 M.): 12.00 p.m. News. 12.10 "This Also Happened." 12.15 On behalf of Israel. 12.30 The Music of Max Brod.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6 218, 223 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 "Bow and Arrow." 7.00 Light Music. 7.45 Noah's Ark. 8.00 News. 8.40 Light Music. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

FOR CENTRAL EUROPE CASTS: (31.55, 31.28, 30.96, 30.90 M.): 7.30-8.00 p.m. News, "This England," Arts Chronicle.

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and from the Local Council at Zikhron Ya'acov.

The artistic programme is presented by the Cultural Department and Tzyur ve-Tiyul Tourist Department of the General Federation of Jewish Labour in Israel, in conjunction with the Government Tourist Office, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Tourist Guide

Yesterday's Press

US Global Policy Lacks Realism

Commenting on a recent article in the American magazine "Newsweek" according to which America would opt for the Arabs in case Israel should force it to chose between the two sides, "Haboker" (General Zionist) says that the new American global strategy has firm foundations on the quicksands of the Arabian deserts.

The paper draws attention to the recent speech of the Saudi king in which he threatened to exterminate all Jews and says that this is the logical next step for a man who wishes to continue the work of Hitler. The paper recalls that Saudia (and other Arab governments) have given asylum to such war criminals as Rashid Ali and the ex-Mufti: it is this camp that State Department officials apparently wish now to back in the Middle East.

"Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union) deals with the recent riots in Morocco and says that the French Government cannot fulfil the demands of the nationalists without endangering the religious minorities. On the other hand colonial rule cannot go on without causing further bloodshed. In this situation the Moroccan Jews have become a scapegoat par excellence, as in other Moslem countries.

"Herut" comments on the U.N. Secretary General's recent declaration that peace between Israel and the Arab countries is now impossible. It is tantamount to encouraging Arab aggression to recognize the unofficial state of war for which it is responsible. The obvious moral for Israel is that if we "create facts" the U.N. Secretary-General will recognize them too.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) and "Davar" (Histadrut) comment respectively on the recent Zionist Council and "Third Olami" conferences that dealt with the present tasks of the Zionist movement.

Israel-Rumanian Trade

"Zmanim" (Progressive) comments on the trade negotiations between Israel and Rumania, and says that their main aim is doubtedly to bring about an improvement in the relations between the two countries, and this, it is to be hoped, will be achieved. But it should be clear at the same time that a real rapprochement will be possible only if the Rumanian government revises its policy vis-a-vis the Jewish and Zionist leaders it arrested because this, and not the absence of trade relations has been the source of difficulties in the relations between the two countries.

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) says that the problem of the bus cooperatives is an "open wound." The companies argue that they are losing money, but the truth is that the number of their buses has increased from 965 in 1949 to 1,740 — and this is not yet enough. The cooperatives did not invest in this giant expansion, on the contrary, they distributed thousands of pounds to their members.

AT THE CINEMA

"Le Mystere Saint-Val" (Tel-Or, J'lem), a French production dating back to 1949, is an uproariously funny comedy about an amateur detective (Fernandel) engaged by a banker to clear up the sinister incidents in a haunted castle whose characters are reminiscent of "Arsenic and Old Lace."

When the inhabitants disappear, one after the other, Fernandel is not the only one to be scared stiff. As usual, the comic is inimitable; sometimes the picture recalls early Chaplin comedies. The sound seems to have improved remarkably in the meantime.

'Oscars' Deserved

MANY may be disappointed by the screen version of James Jones' fabulously successful best-seller. But "From Here to Eternity" (Orion, J'lem) is decidedly extraordinary, and it deserved its eight Oscars for its dramatic concentration, its re-creation of the book's brutal atmosphere, and its brilliant acting. There are wonderful performances by Montgomery Clift (Prew), Frank Sinatra (his pal Maggio), Burt Lancaster (Warden), Deborah Kerr (Karen) and Donna Reed (Lorene), under the brilliant direction of Fred Zinnemann.

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Plan Draft Budget Stresses Building

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem Municipal Council proposes to spend on development almost IL.2m. in the current fiscal year. This is to be part of a long-term IL.8.5m. programme of road-building, extension of the sewage and water systems, completion of schools and construction of a new bus station.

The Municipal Finance Committee is to discuss the draft budget on Thursday, to determine how much is to be allocated this year to each item of the long-term project. No time-limit has been fixed for the programme and its duration depends on municipal revenue and the attitude of the Ministry of the Interior.

Biggest item in this year's draft is completion of four schools and execution of sanitary repairs to old schools (IL.-361,500), which represents nearly a third (IL.1,734,000) of the total sum earmarked for this item in the long-term plan. Last year, only IL.10,000 went on sanitary installations in schools despite warnings of closure issued by the Ministry of Health in the case of unhygienic premises.

Other Items

Replacement of pipes and purchase of water-meters account for IL.210,000 of the budget, and the laying of additional sewage mains — IL.258,000. The Municipal Engineer's Department has asked for IL.150,000 to pave three roads in Rehavia which have long remained sandy tracks, although bordered by expensive apartment blocks.

Erection of a large bus-station near the Kiryat to replace the present crowded and inconvenient inter-urban station, has been allotted IL.250,000. Contributions towards Jerusalem's Beit Ha'am and other public edifices also appear in the draft.

The City still owes the Mekorot Water Company two instalments of IL.30,000 each, and the Jerusalem Electric Company has not been paid for two months, the Deputy Mayor, Mr. E. Eliachar, confirmed yesterday. He noted that all the daily revenue — an average of IL.7,000 this month — went towards the municipal pay-roll and maintenance of essential services. It is hoped that rates collection will rise next month after the "slack season."

Training Centre Nears Completion in Beersheba

The Vocational Training Centre in Beersheba, constructed under the auspices of the Vocational Education Department of the Ministry of Labour, with the aid of funds supplied by the U.S. Technical Cooperation Administration, is now almost complete.

Six such centres will be built throughout the country and will give instruction primarily in metallurgy and carpentry. Modern American equipment will shortly arrive for use in these centres which will accomodate hundreds of students, principally adults.

The Vocational Education Department is erecting a similar centre independently in Nazareth.

New York Wants Israel 'Pugs'

By BARNEY AIN

NEW YORK. — Ever since David Oved, of Haifa, came to New York to embark on a professional fistic career, this writer has been showered with letters from amateur pugilists in Israel asking for a similar opportunity to come to the U.S. as professional boxers. Practically every one of the letters received to date from these would-be professional pugilists state that they have more ring ability than Oved.

It is a matter of record in New York that the best drawing cards in pugilism today would be Israel fighters. Jewish fans in America, who supported such fighters of the past as Benny Leonard, Abe Attell, Barney Ross, Louis (Kid) Kaplan, Benny Bass, Sid Terris and Law Tendler, are hungry for good boxers of their faith, and being unable to find any here would therefore back Israel's fighters to the limit.

Managers, needless to say, are also seeking good Israel fighters and would pay all expenses involved in bringing them to these shores, if they were assured of getting their original investment back.

Like "Golden Gloves"

On the other hand, however, some fight fans would like to see a formidable group of Israel amateur fighters come to America for a series of amateur bouts, to be held in New York City, Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis and even Los Angeles, similar to the Golden Glove bouts, which have attracted much attention among amateur followers. The one fear is that some of these amateurs would be stolen by greedy professional promoters.

There are many who would like to see Israel produce good boxers for such events as the Asian Games, the International Olympics and the World Maccabiahs. We are one of them and make no secret of the fact when accosted by a professional promoter, manager or matchmaker who is on the lookout for a likely-looking Israel professional pugilistic product.

Soccer Invitation Programme Held Up

Applications from local soccer clubs to invite foreign teams to Israel next season have been put off by the Israel Football Association pending finalization of the League programme and the production of agreements signed with the proposed invitees.

Tel Aviv Hapoel wants to bring over the Swedish champions during October, and Tel Aviv Maccabi also wants the Swedes, while the Hapoel side has an eye on inviting the famous Turkish team, Fenerbachia, old sports friends of Israel soccer. Kfar Saba is after a team from Cyprus, while Haifa Maccabi aches to bring Apoel, the Cypriot champions, whom the Israel "B" side beat in its tour of the Island last September.

Another report going the rounds is that a side from the U.S. the San Francisco University team, including a number of National players, is coming here to play three games.

SWIMMING NEWS

Maccabi and Hapoel swimming stars will take part in a swimming tournament at the Bat Galim pool at the end of the month.

The pool at the new President Hotel in Jerusalem has been placed at the disposal of Jerusalem Maccabi swimmers. Use will start next Saturday — August 14.

STAHL HEADS MACCABI SOCCER COMMITTEE

Mr. S. Stahl was recently elected Chairman of the Maccabi Israel Soccer Committee and its representative on the Israel Football Association Executive. Mr. Stahl has been asked to propose the other representative on the Maccabi and I.F.A. Committees.

Hapoel Places Second In Belgrade Hoop Series

BELGRADE, Monday (UP). — Belgrade's Red Star team won a four-team international basketball tournament here on goal average, although Hapoel of Israel defeated it last night 72-67 (34-36).

Hapoel placed second and Belgrade Sports Club third, both also on higher goal average. Each of the first three had two wins and one loss. Aldina of Liege, Belgium, was last with three defeats in three games. Last night the Belgrade Sports Club defeated Aldina, 59-53.

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JERUSALEM CINEMAS

At 3.30, 7.15 and 9.30 p.m.

ARNON: Flight To Mars.
EDEN: Small Town Girl, 2nd week.
EDISON: Mystery Submarine.
ORGIL: She's Working Her Way Through College, 2nd week.
ORION: From Here To Eternity.
ORNA: Return Of The Texan.
STUDIO: A Streetcar Named Desire.
ZION: Sorry.

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Today's Post Bag

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Haifa Port	31	27	31	26
Nazareth	29	15	32	17
Tel Aviv North	32	23	31	24
Tel Aviv Port	34	27	33	26
Lydda Airport	34	22	37	22
Jerusalem	31	15	27	17
Beersheba	36	19	41	21
Eilat	40	25	49	29

"A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Min. temp. C) Maxim. yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today

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"COMFORTING" SERVICES, following Tisha B'Av, began in ceremonies on Mount Zion yesterday when rabbis and community leaders from the Diaspora participated in the replacing of crowns on the Scrolls of Law. Prayers of comfort for Zion were recited by Cantor Shern and choir.

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A FORMER income tax inspector, Mr. Elimelech Shavish, was remanded for two days by Tel Aviv Magistrate Y. Zohar yesterday on a charge of forging a certificate enabling Mr. Binyamin Kilesnek to acquire an exit visa. The certificate, according to the police, was bought for IL.15.

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THE LOTTERY sponsored by Magen David Adom for free trips to Edinburgh and London will be drawn this morning at 11 at the Edison Cinema, Jerusalem. Arrangements are being made to facilitate the winners' travel formalities in the shortest possible time. Winners should communicate with Magen David Adom in Jerusalem within 48 hours of the drawing.

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THE JERUSALEM Health Office is seeking a court order to destroy 25 dogs belonging to Mrs. M. Rappaport of Rehov Mamilla on the grounds that there is danger of the dogs carrying rabies by interbreeding with dogs across the border.

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VISITING HOURS in children's wards will soon be extended from once a week to about one hour a day, according to a report published in the Ministry of Health Bulletin. Dr. S. Bitesh, Director General of the Ministry is now discussing with medical personnel of Government hospitals a general relaxation of hospital visiting hours. The medical personnel oppose lengthening visiting hours because it would disturb work in the wards.

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THE GERRHESHA customs yesterday arrested six persons and confiscated 60 sheep and goats brought without permit from Bedouin in the area. Sales are permitted only on Thursday, which is a market day for Beduin.

Charged With Blinding at Sea

HAIFA, Monday. — Hamsi Hakoman, 33, a fisherman of Bat Galim, was detained at the seaward entrance of the Port at 2 o'clock this morning when his two companions saw flashing lights blinding the pilot of the s.s. Vasaldino which was leaving port, endangering the vessel. No damage was caused.

Hakoman resisted arrest and was charged with obstructing a policeman on duty as well as with obstructing a public navigation channel.

This is believed to be the first case of an arrest for blinding at sea.

'FLOWED LIKE WATER'

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Convicted of selling a barrel of pure water as alcohol, Mona Salama, 34, of Jaffa, was sentenced today to two months in prison by the Tel Aviv Magistrate. The prisoner said whist appeared to be an hermetically sealed barrel to Mr. Itzhak Alperin, a local merchant, for IL.220. On inspection, the barrel was found to have been punctured and subsequently skilfully soldered.

CRICKET AT ASHKELON

MIGDAL ASHKELON, Monday. — The local cricket team beat Timorim by 128 runs to 94 on Saturday.

'Grave Gap' Between Social Welfare Payments and Need

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The widening gap between the minimal needs of distressed and handicapped immigrants and the relief provided by Government welfare services was revealed in its full gravity by the Director General of the Ministry for Social Welfare, Mr. M. Barsella, at a press conference yesterday.

A quarter of the 200,000 newcomers in ma'abarot and immigrant towns are in the Ministry's care, through 116 district offices. June statistics show that 37,515 persons depend solely on relief allowances, and 28,000 benefit from partial support and other forms of rehabilitation. Mr. Barsella frankly admitted that family allowances bore no relation to requirements.

The allowance rate was fixed last October 1, the Department of Nutrition and the Bureau of Statistics. The family-head received IL.15 monthly, a wife IL.10 monthly, and a child IL.7.500. In order to meet budget limitations this rate has been docked by 32% for disabled fathers, and by 40% for husbands over working age. A mother and child dependent on an invalid now get IL.22.100 monthly, a widow with one child IL.11.250. Partially handicapped receive IL.6.500, their wives, IL.4.250, and children IL.3.250 each.

Funds Requested

The Director General disclosed that the Treasury is considering the Ministry's request for IL.-800,000 to cover the higher costs of basic foods. This sum would go towards enlarging relief allowances since April. Mr. Barsella said, remittances to local authorities for social cases have been cut by 30%, and other allowances have not been paid in full. He denied that in some places the relief did not arrive in time. Last year, social workers repeatedly complained that allowances were months behind.

A clothing grant of IL.850 monthly was distributed for the first time in April, and direct gifts of worn garments have been resumed, following a lapse of donations from abroad. The Ministry is now urging the release of large quantities of clothing and household textiles collected by Hadassah in the U.S., for which the Ministry of Commerce refused an import licence.

Mr. H. Yefet, Deputy Director General, prefaced his review of work in the Minorities sector by stating that its methods and framework paralleled that of services in the general population. Over 23,000 needy persons received help from the Ministry, including 6,500 "refugees" formerly aided by UNRWA. This U.N. agency handed over its 18,000 charges in the country to the Israel Government 18 months ago. The allowance rate is lower than that granted to the Jewish immigrants, in accordance with the prevailing lower standard of living. A disabled man with one dependant receives IL.9 monthly, and an infirm couple get IL.8. The Treasury has now granted an extra IL.10,000 a month to compensate for higher prices of staple foods.

The Ministry intends to open an Old Age Home in Jaffa for 60 inmates, in co-operation with the Development Authority and the Ministry for Religious Affairs. An orphanage for 40 Arab children is planned for Acre.

Bishop Hakim of Galilee has established an Old Age Home in Acre for 20 infirm Arabs, which is subsidised by the Ministry of Welfare. With the help of Nazareth Municipality, the Government organized two workshops for unemployed and destitute youths in the town.

There are now four Arab probation officers, and the reformatory for Arab delinquents near Acre has made much progress, Mr. Yefet said.

MAPAM SPLIT DELAYED

TEL AVIV, Monday. — While Le'ahdut Ha'avodah are known to have prepared a headquarters for their new party, anticipating a Mapam split, they have so far taken no step to precipitate the rupture, it is understood. There were no reports that "Lamerchav," the minority's forthnight-ly, publication of which opened the breach, will appear this week.

No development should be expected before the 15th of this month, when Mr. Y. Ya'ari's "ultimatum" to Le'ahdut Ha'avodah to accept party discipline expires. The staff of "Al Hamishmar," the party's daily, have all reported to work so far.

The quiet is not believed to indicate that the split may be averted, but that both sides are trying to avoid giving the slightest pretext for initiating the split.

Sharett to Tour Negev

BEERSHEBA, Monday. — The Prime Minister and Mrs. Sharett are expected here on Wednesday to begin a three-day tour of the Negev.

On Thursday, the Prime Minister will visit Sde Boker, S'dom and Oron (the phosphate works). On Friday, he will visit settlements, and then return to Jerusalem.

Mr. David Ben Gurion is expected here tomorrow to meet the members of the Negev Settlement Committee elected at the last assembly of youth leaders and students. The meeting will be closed to the public.

B.G. ALOOF FROM 'FOREIGN AFFAIRS'

In excusing himself from participating in a symposium held at Beit Ha'am, Jerusalem, last night, Mr. David Ben Gurion wrote that he does not deal now with questions of foreign affairs. The symposium discussed "Should Israel become a British Dominion?"

2 DROWN OFF HAIFA

HAIFA, Monday. — The sea claimed two more victims at bathing beaches here this morning. Haim Bahalal, 19, of Gan Rashef, Hertlia, drowned off Galia Beach in the Bayside area at 11.30 a.m. He was pulled out by a life-guard, but died on the way to hospital. He was staying with his brother-in-law at Kfar Ata.

An hour later, an as yet unidentified man, aged about 35, drowned off Hahof Hashaket near the Rambam hospital, where his body was taken. No documents were found among his clothes.

MAN KILLED BY TRAIN

HAIFA, Monday. — Adolph Geiger, 54, of the Ahuza ma'abara, was instantly killed at about 4 p.m. today when run over by a Haifa-bound passenger train, near the Hahotrim draught animal quarantine station south of here.

Geiger, who was a watchman at the Quarantine station, was crossing the railway line on his way towards the sea when he was hit.

Apparently he was deep in thought and did not hear the train approach. It is believed that the engine driver hooted in warning.

The police are investigating.

Dedication at Ramat Rahel

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"The ground of Ramat Rahel is permeated with splendid memories, may our sons draw inspiration from them," Mrs. Rahel Ben-Zvi said yesterday at the kibbutz south of Jerusalem in unveiling the statue of "The Hebrew Mother."

She was addressing not only members of the settlement, but veteran friends drawn from afar, who, like her, had watched phases of the settlers' 28-year-old struggle, now victorious, to make their "lands flourishing and fruitful." Among them were: Mr. Ze'ev Sheffer, Deputy Speaker of the Knesset; Mr. Avraham Harzfeld, M.K.; Dr. A. Biran, Jerusalem District Representative; Mr. Yitzhak Kariv, Mayor of Jerusalem; Mr. David Paulus, the sculptor who worked 18 months in making the statue; Mr. Nahum Ben-Ari, of the Histadrut; and Mr. Ya'acov Banai, of the Matate theatre. They were introduced by Mr. Emanuel Bar-Haim, of the settlement.

Pointing to a battered, bullet-marked section of a nearby building, a grim reminder of the intensity of the Arab onslaught of 1948, the wife of the President said that the settlers "had done well to leave this spot unrepaired, since it was a symbol of the destruction which fostered the rebirth of the kibbutz."

Mrs. Ben-Zvi, who knows the area intimately, as a great part of her life was devoted to the Ga'ash Agricultural School which lies nearby, went on to describe the struggles to build the district, which includes Arhona and Tulpiot.

Mr. Harzfeld regretted that the strength of the Yishuv years ago had not been great enough to establish "numerous Ramat Rahels" which would have grown and grown. Ramat Rahel was truly worthy of the sacrifices she called for, he said, adding that great areas of the country still "cried, cried for settlers."

"Where is the youth of Jerusalem, of the surroundings, of the ma'abarot of the country," he asked.

Jail for Bribery

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Monday. — For paying a former employee of the Finance Ministry to influence his former colleagues to sign NZ forms, Mr. Yosef Greiver, Director of the Patra Travel Agency, was sentenced to three months in prison and fined IL.575 by District Judge M. Harpazi today.

The accused, Judge Harpazi said, had given a sum of money to Avraham Ben Arye, a former official of the Finance Ministry, to speed the issuance of NZ forms (necessary for a travel ticket) for Patra clients.

It later appeared that the certificates were forged, although Judge Harpazi said, the accused was not aware of that at the time.

Mr. Greiver, who was represented by Attorney Z. Heniger man, was released on IL.3,000 bail pending appeal. Mr. M. Ben Porat, Deputy Attorney General, appeared for the prosecution.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM: Coffee and tea: Yod 23 and Yod 5, last day.
HAIFA AND NORTHERN DISTRICT: Frozen meat for invalids: 500 gms. Het Gimel 6. Eggs: 2, Lamed 14, temp. 4. Experient mothers: 30, children 15 and 16 (old cards) 21, and 22 (new cards). Invalids: 1, Het Aleph 5, 1, Het Bet 6, 5, Het Gimel 6. Poultry: for children with Aleph, Bet and Gimel cards: 300 gms. Yod 23, temp. 22. Laborers: 400 gms. Mem Heh 12. Expectant mothers: 750 gms. Heh 2. Invalids: 500 gms. Het Aleph 5, Het Bet 5.

'Falastin' Calls For Blood

The sheep' blood which is now being shed on Mt. Arafat, near Mecca, does not mark the real feast. "Falastin," the Old City daily, writes editorially in its 16-page special illustrated Id el Adha issue. "The blood which will cover the hills and plains of Palestine in the battle for the liberation of our stolen fatherland will mark the real feast," it said.

CITRUS MISSION TO VISIT CANADA

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The annual Citrus Marketing Board mission, which leaves tomorrow for Europe will also visit Canada and the U.S., it was learned here today.

The visit to Canada is the first in six years. There are indications that orders might be obtained there. Previous to the Second World War, this country used to sell small quantities of fruit to Canada.

The visit to the U.S. is mainly for financial purposes, while the main task of the mission will be in Europe. The delegation consists of Messrs. Itzhak Rokach, Yehuda Chorin and Zvi Isaakson.

It is not yet known what quantities of fruit will be available for export next season, except for the fact that there will be less than last year. Reliable estimates can only be made at the end of the next month, it is understood.

TWO MORE REMANDED IN 'ROMAK' CASE

Bora Yegnes and Yehuda Tov, both from Tel Aviv, suspected of taking part in the attempted robbery of the Marein Antiquities Store in Jaffa Road, Jerusalem, were remanded until Friday by Magistrate M. Even-Tov yesterday.

Deputy District Police Superintendent M. Ayalon, head of the Economic Police, told the Court that the release of the two defendants at this stage of the investigation might be inimical to its successful conclusion. He asked the Court to extend the remand term of the suspects who have been in prison for the past 10 days to 15 days.

Mr. Ayalon, questioned by defence counsels Mr. Y. Hagler, Mr. A. Levy and Mr. E. Yegnes, states that the defendant Yegnes had been identified by Mr. Klein, owner of the Marein Store, but that the second defendant, Y. Tov, had not been identified in three police parades.

Mr Hagler declared that he had rarely met with such an "appetite" on the part of police for remand orders, as in this case. He recalled charges of improper behaviour made against high police officials recently, which he termed "the other side of the coin" in this case. Mr. Yegnes said that the arrest of the two suspects had served no real purpose; the police are trying to make them say things of which they know nothing.

Meanwhile, Nathan Rubovitz, arrested as suspected of conspiring with Reuven Grinberg (Romak) to have an important witness beaten up, was freed yesterday with the concurrence of the police on IL.250 bail. *(Itim)*

Repairs Begun On Tel Yeroham Dam

BEERSHEBA, Monday. — Repair work on the Tel Yeroham dam started on Thursday under the supervision of a specialist from England brought by Tahal. Machinery to place cement in the seepages under pressure was also brought.

Water disappeared last year 48 hours after the lake had been filled.

It is expected that the repair work will last two to three weeks, and the dam will then be able to hold 1-1,250,000 cubic metres of water.

Histadrut Executive Hit from the Ground

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The bullet which hit the Histadrut Executive building in Tel Aviv yesterday was fired from the ground, and not from an aircraft, the police stated today. The slug found in the grounds of the building is of small calibre.

It was ascertained by the police that youngsters were hunting in the vicinity yesterday.

A stray bullet of small calibre entered Michael Osseri's apartment in Tel Giborim today. Nobody was hurt.

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4 Ordered to Appear In Greenwald Trial

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The quietest session of the usually stormy Greenwald libel trial took place yesterday when Dr. Benjamin Halevi, Jerusalem District Court President, reconvened the Court after a recess of almost a month. The session was devoted entirely to submitting documents and discussing future witnesses to be called by the Court, after the Defence concluded its case in the early morning.

Mr. Malkiel Greenwald is on trial for having libelled Dr. I. Kastner by writing in a newsletter that he had collaborated with the Nazis. Mr. Haim Cohen, the Attorney General, is appearing for the State, and Mr. Shmuel Tamir, for Mr. Greenwald.

Dr. Halevi summoned three witnesses: Mr. Pinhas (Philip) Freudenger, former head of the Orthodox Community in Budapest; Dr. Reuven Hecht, representative in Switzerland of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the U.S. and Canada, who has already testified; and Mr. Hillel Danzig, who was active in arranging for the escape of persons from Hungary to Rumania. At the request of Mr. Tamir, the Judge subpoenaed Mr. Kohavi-Stern as a witness.

Swiss Witnesses

Regarding the two witnesses asked to come from Switzerland, Mr. Frederick Bohrn, Swiss Red Cross Representative in Budapest, and Mr. Musel Jr., son of a former President of Switzerland who was active in of Jewish rescue work, Mr. Cohen announced that Mr. Bohrn had expressed his willingness to come, but that Mr. Musel had not answered the letter. However, both Mr. Cohen and Mr. Tamir agreed that it was possible to dispense with Mr. Bohrn's evidence which deals with his meeting with Dr. Kastner on October 14, 1944, in regard to actions to be taken to obtain the release of the captured parachutists.

Mr. Tamir announced that he had received information that the original manuscript of the report of Mr. Musel, Senior, had been found and that it was being sent to Israel.

The session opened with the examination of the "Deutsches Reich" passport of Mr. Yoel Brandt, who brought Eichmann's "blood for goods" proposal to Istanbul. The passport was made out to "Yoel Brandt."

Mr. Tamir submitted the final volume of Sir Winston Churchill's history of World War II, "Triumph and Tragedy," making particular reference to the pages dealing with a separate peace between the West and Germany and the author's opinion on the treatment of war crimfnals.

The trial continues on Thursday with the testimony of Mr. Freudenger.

Soldier Appeals Against 'Defamation' Sentence

Samal Aharon Marta, of the Military Police, who was sentenced by a Military District Court to nine months in prison for unbecoming conduct and for offences against military rules, and whose sentence was reduced by the Commanding General of the Northern Sector to six months, appealed yesterday to the Military Supreme Court.

In the appeal submitted by his Attorney Mr. A. Davidesco, of Haifa, the appellant claims that the utterances with which he had been charged were not "base and undermining" and did not represent a "defamation of and incitement" against the State.

(On duty at Haifa Port, he is reported to have blamed the Government for the fact that Rumanian Jews were returning to Rumania.)

Counsel also claimed that there was no testimony against Marta that could convict him legally. His words had only been an expression of his private opinion and were not a public statement. He also complained that the recommendation to publish his sentence in the Army's Routine Orders was basically harmful.

Marta asked to be acquitted on all the charges. As an alternative he said that the sentence was too severe.

PICKETS FIGHT NON-UNION LABOUR

NATANYA, Monday. — Pickets from the Painters Union today prevented non-union painters from working on the building erected by Mr. Meiri and Mr. Lippmann, contractors. Police arrested nine of the pickets after they came to blows with the non-union workers.

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large enough, particularly for agriculture.

Mr. Z. Shefer (Mapai) said that development could not be based solely on commercial considerations, and it might be worth while to produce raw materials needed for our industries, even if it was cheaper at present to import them. There had been a great deal of talk about private enterprise, but without national capital the absorption of new immigrants who came here with nothing at all would be impossible.

Mapai vs. General Zionists

Dr. A. Stupp (General Zionist) lashed out against Mr. A. Govrin (Mapai) for charging last week that the General Zionists were opposed to development as such. Mr. Govrin saw development as the development of one sector of the population, at the expense of the other, Dr. Stupp declared. "We are not opposed to development," he said, "but only to the development of Mapai at the expense of the rest of the country."

The next speaker, Mr. R. Bhari (Mapai) warmly defended Mr. Govrin. What we really needed was a Development Budget of IL.400m., but the General Zionists had opposed even one of IL.196m. If Mapai had been forced to accept the smaller sum, the least it should be allowed to do was to put the responsibility where it belonged.

Mr. S. Perlstein (General Zionists) spoke on one point only: the neglect of tourism in the Development Budget. Tourism could be a prime source of foreign currency, but it was necessary that the Tourist Centre be allotted the funds it had requested for the restoration of historical sites and for loans to hotels.

Mr. A. Harzfeld (Mapai) also declared that IL.196m. was too small a sum for development needs, pointing to the cuts in the sums originally requested for water, roads and housing.

Haifa Judge Wants More Colleagues

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Monday. — The appointment of two additional judges to the Haifa District Court is imperative in order to effect prompt justice, its President, Dr. Y. Azulai, said here today. The judges were overworked and needed reinforcement, he said. Eleven murder trials are scheduled for hearing, the same number as last year, but otherwise the number of criminal cases has dropped from 551 to 528, he reported. An enormous amount of work had been accomplished in the hearing of criminal appeals, the number of which had been brought down from 253 in 1952/53 to 81 still pending in 1953/54.

The gravity of criminal offences brought to court had increased, Dr. Azulai noted. He thought that unemployment, the growth of the city and absorption difficulties accounted for this.

MA'AGAN PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED FOR INQUIRY

All persons having photographs taken at the scene of the Ma'agan Disaster either immediately before, during or immediately after the accident, are requested to contact the Government Committee of Inquiry into the Ma'agan Disaster, 1 Rehov "Bet," Hakirya, Tel Aviv.

The Committee is to resume hearings tomorrow at 9 a.m. and again at 3 p.m., on Thursday at 2.30 p.m. and on Friday at 9 a.m.

SWEET WATER

BEERSHEBA, Monday. — Sweet water was found five kilometres north of Beersheba on Sunday night after the Israel Water Works drilled to a depth of 200 metres. As only about 40 cubic metres per hour of water can now be pumped — a quantity not sufficient for commercial use — drilling will be continued to a depth of 400 metres.

The Monthly Meeting
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LONDON, Monday (UP). — Warsaw Radio announced today the Polish Government has awarded decorations to the Captain and crew of the Polish ship Jaroslaw Dabrowski "for behaviour worthy of seamen sailing under the People's flag."

The crew threw boiling water and garbage on London police who boarded the ship in the Thames River and forcibly removed stowaway Antoni Klimowicz.

19 Million Affected By Pakistan Floods

DACCA, Pakistan, Monday. (Reuter). — More than 19 million persons have been affected by floods in East Bengal province and Dacca, the capital, has been paralyzed by rising waters of the Suri Ganga.

Homes have been washed away in many parts of this city of 411,000, and boats are being used for rescue work.

The Provincial Government has launched a campaign of mass inoculation to combat possible epidemics, and food and supplies have been rushed to the affected areas.

News came yesterday that the floods are subsiding in the north. There have only been minor casualties because the waters rose slowly, giving the population time to reach higher ground.

Celler Attacks Head Of US Refugee Programme

WASHINGTON, Monday (UP). — Representative Emanuel Celler yesterday called for the removal of Mr. Scott McLeod, State Department Security Chief, as administrator of the U.S. refugee programme.

Mr. Celler said that the goal of admitting 214,000 refugees will never be achieved so long as the programme is operating under Mr. McLeod's "ridiculous attitude" toward security.

Baby's Mysterious Death

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Nine-month-old Hannah Otzari was found dead in her bed yesterday afternoon in the Old City of Jaffa, when her parents returned home after a short absence. The parents told the police that the child was well when they left her.

The Scottish National Hero, Rob Roy, famous from the book of that name by Sir Walter Scott, is the theme of two of Walt Disney's Creations. The first a film made in Scotland, that was acclaimed the world over, and the second a strip that will appear in the new fortnightly magazine.
Zafririm
Appearing Thursday Aug. 12.

30 Killed in Plane Crash in Azores

LISBON, Monday (Reuter). — All 30 persons on board an air liner of Aviamer, the national airline of Colombia, were killed today when the plane crashed while taking off from Lages airfield in the Azores.

The plane started out from Hamburg and flew via Frankfurt, Paris, Madrid and Lisbon, bound for Bogota.

On board were 21 passengers and nine crew. The last radio message received from the aircraft announced its take-off from Lages airfield. Reports indicated that the aircraft crashed soon after the take-off on its 7,460-km. hop to Bermuda.

Moslem Notable Dies in Haifa

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The death took place in Haifa yesterday morning of Salameh Abdul Kader Haj Ibrahim, at the age of 94. He was a prominent member of Haifa's Moslem community and belonged to a highly respected family, many of whom live in the Little Triangle.

He was born in Kafr Tafkeh, and his father was for a time Mayor of Tulkarem. He was a substantial land and plantation owner, and was also active in trade.

The funeral was held at the deceased's native village yesterday afternoon, with a large number of mourners taking part.

ANNIVERSARY. — The Japanese city of Nagasaki yesterday solemnly observed the ninth anniversary of the world's second atom-bomb explosion with memorial services for 74,000 citizens who died of the blast and prayers that mankind would be spared a second atomic war.

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Economic News from Abroad

● Company profits are almost as high today as the record peaks of last year, recent surveys indicate.

● A vast enterprise for harnessing the water power of British Columbia, including the Yukon river, is planned by the Frobisher company. The project will treat cobalt-nickel ores from New Caledonia, the Philippines and other Pacific islands, and make pig-iron and steel from iron ores and concentrates from British Columbia and silico-manganese from South-West Africa. About $213m. are to be spent for the development of 880,000 horsepower and $97m. for the construction and the metallurgical section.

● Wage negotiations between the metal workers' union and the management have been broken off in North Rhine Westphalia and the union had declared that it would not be bound by the agreement ending August 31. A strike is impending also in the Bavarian metal industry. All over West Germany trade unions are demanding substantial wage increases, pointing out that the high prosperity of German industry now entitles labour to a share in profits.

● Recent reports indicate a large increase in East-West trade in Europe. The Soviet Union is mainly importing foodstuffs and finished consumer goods. In Soviet exports grain and coal now play a lesser role, but timber exports continue to expand, petroleum shipments have been also grown, and important quantities of silver, platinum, palladium, manganese ores, pig iron and cotton are exported too.

● The world production of oranges totalled 34fm. cases in 1953, i.e. 43 per cent above pre-war level, 32m. cases of lemons 44 per cent above pre-war level, were marketed.

● The Japanese government has announced its intention to press for expanded trade with Russia and China vigorously.

● Speculation by Brazilian and USA interests on the New York Coffee and Sugar exchange as well as excessive inventory buying by American importers were major causes of the rise in the price of coffee, according to a report of the Federal Trade Commission.

Mining Needs Larger Investments

By our Economic Editor

THE most intriguing part of the Development Budget concerns mining, in which the Government has taken the initiative. High hopes have been entertained for the possibilities of still unexplored natural resources and massive profits in foreign currency promised by official spokesmen for the near future. However, out of the IL.9.5m. to be spent for this purpose in the current year, IL.1.2m. are still to go to industrial research (on behalf of "Machtzavey Yisrael" and IL.8.2m. for investments, which include:

Dead Sea Works (incl. bromine plant)	IL.4.5m.
Negev Phosphates Ltd. (incl. chemical plant)	IL.2.5m.
Makhtesh Yisrael Co. (copper and iron mines)	IL.1.0m.

Out of these sums IL.915,000 is to be spent on equipment, while the rest is earmarked for installations, buildings, research and other preparatory work on the spot. Up to end of the last fiscal year Development expenditure for mining ran to IL.14.4m.

After five years of ceaseless research and practical trials this is the first time that a more or less sober picture of the potentialities in this field has been officially presented.

POTASH: At present output is running at about 110-125 tons a day, i.e. approximately 30,000 per annum, which is half of theoretical capacity (and less than one-third of the pre-State output) — for the attainment of which no date is given. Equipment has been secured for advancing output to 135,000 tons, but its installation is not yet feasible. By the end of this financial year the Government will have invested IL.11m. in the enterprise (apart from the construction of 26 km. of road to Beersheba) and large additional sums will be required. The Dromine plant, which is to have a capacity of 1,000 tons per year, like the pre-State plant, will cost about IL.1m., of which one-quarter has been allocated this year.

PHOSPHATES: The capacity of the plant has been increased to 25 tons per hour, which works out at 10-12,000 tons per month. Actual output is lower. Out of the 32,000 tons produced up to the end of March, most has been supplied to the Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd. which makes superphosphate from it; 5,000 tons have gone to Japan. At the current output level, little phosphate is likely to be left over for export and present costs allow no profits, mainly because of the high costs of haulage to Haifa, which runs to IL.10 per ton. Even on the domestic market proceeds cover less than 80 per cent of the operating costs and the deficit has now mounted to about IL.1m. out of total investment of IL.2.8m.

The present development programme envisages an investment of IL.11m. in a calcination plant with a capacity of 300,000 tons turned out at a lower cost; and plants for the production of sulphuric and phosphoric acid and phosphate salts (in Haifa at Fertilisers and Chemicals).

COPPER: A plant of 4,000-ton annual capacity is to be erected at the Timnah deposits at a cost of IL.6m., including $3m. (Previous estimates were for a plant that would produce 6,000 tons at a cost of IL.4.7m. That means that the investment per ton of output will be three times as high as originally supposed).

MANGANESE: Research is going on but so far results do not warrant commercial exploitation.

IRON: The deposits at the Makhtesh Hagadol and the Wadi Farran have proved unremunerative, though survey is continuing. Hopes are pinned on the Upper Galilee deposits, but trials are not yet conclusive.

KAOLIN CLAY: Output is running at about 6,000 tons a year and covers domestic demand. Savings in foreign currency amount to $300,000 yearly. Export prospects are dependent on addition of a washing plant.

PEAT: Hopes to utilise it as fuel have been abandoned. It is to serve mainly as fertiliser.

SULPHUR, ASPHALT: Results so far negative.

It is now evident that in this field too progress cannot be achieved cheaply or easily. Great efforts and large investments will be necessary to attain tangible results of lasting value.

Budget Division Illusory

By Our Economic Correspondent

THE division of Government expenditure into "ordinary" and "development" is illusory in many cases. Both budgets draw a large part of their funds from the taxpayer; both rely on outside assistance to round off the local income; both strongly influence the redistribution of the national income and affect economic trends, and both contain elements that are "ordinary" expenditure and "development" expenditure. It would be sounder to analyse and plan the huge expenditure of the state in one comprehensive framework. It could then be seen in proper proportion to the national income. It would become clearer what part local savings are playing in financing economic expansion and it would be stimulating to show the public how small local saving is in relation to our possibilities and requirements.

When the separate development budget was first conceived it was believed that the "old Yishuv", that is the people who settled here before the inception of the state, would take care of itself and that foreign assistance would be devoted solely to caring for the new immigrants and to development projects which would make the country self-supporting in a number of years.

As things turned out, this division was not maintained. The funds from abroad have percolated to the "old-timers". The development budget has become a pool from which various interests and government departments draw what they cannot get from the ordinary budget, and it would be easier for the planners of the budget and for Knesset members to fight exaggerated claims if only one budget were presented.

Five Year Plan

If a separate development budget is retained it should not be planned for one single year but for several, perhaps for five. The main items require more than one year for their execution. They cannot be planned properly, if income is not assured for at least several years. Projects like the laying of pipes for hundreds of kilometres need proper upkeep and must not be held up for lack of funds once they are launched, otherwise the investment will be lost. It is almost as difficult to stop over-ambitious schemes as it is to launch new ones.

Rising Overheads Hit Co-op Stores

CONSUMERS' cooperative societies are increasingly concerned with the problem of rising costs at a time when profit margins are declining. Salaries, rent, municipal taxes and other expenses have risen considerably while on the average gross profits do not exceed 15 per cent of the turnover.

The new wages system, which introduced turnover premiums has failed to bring much of an improvement so far, and now self-service arrangements are planned in several bigger shops. Some smaller branches which cannot cover operation costs are to be closed. In places where membership is too dispersed to maintain sufficient turnover for one shop, mobile selling units have been proposed, but such an arrangement will depend on the attitude of the municipalities.

In order to increase earnings some societies may take up new lines; household articles, electrical stoves, radios and sewing machines, on which profit margins are comparatively large.

Israel Ships Can Partly Offset Drop in Citrus

THE share of Israel shipping in transporting the citrus exports during the next season will have to be reconsidered in view of the reduced crop and the doubled fruit-carrying capacity of "Zim" after it acquires new vessels from Germany, according to reliable reports. Last season a total of 1.37 million crates out of which 350,000 crates were destined to the United Kingdom and Ireland and 607,000 to Russia, were shipped in Israel bottoms.

Since the total exportable quantity of citrus is not likely to exceed by much 6 million cases, compared with 8.2 million last season, "Zim" could cope with at least 30 per cent of total shipments (compared with 17 per cent last season), but this would mean cutting by half shipments in "Conference" vessels, which last year accounted for about 70 per cent of the total. A considerable saving in sterling currency would be achieved.

Company Report

Bank Zerubavel Capital Up

BANK Zerubavel never succeeded in quite living up to its original aim of providing a central credit institution for all credit cooperative societies, and its function in this respect is rather secondary, but some progress was made in 1953. Share capital and reserves rose from IL.145,000 to IL.220,000 and deposits, current accounts and debentures increased to IL.3.52m. compared with IL.1.96m. Out of this IL.0.8m. were fixed deposits, IL.0.8m. government deposits for specified purposes, and IL.0.36m. represented the participation of other institutions in several joint funds (of which the most important was for granting agricultural loans to new immigrants).

Loans totalled IL.2.72m. (compared with IL.182m. a year ago) of which IL.0.58m. were to non-member societies. Long-term loans out of own means were only IL.37,000, but housing loans amounted to IL.210,000. The report bitterly complains about the application of the Government ban on the extension of credit to cooperative societies which cater to the credit needs of the "little man" and are now prevented from fulfilling their primary function; yet it is evident that the whole scheme of credit restrictions and credit control would have been frustrated had the cooperative banks been left to pursue an expansionary policy and to grant credits according to the members' requests.

In spite of the increased expenses (IL.54,000) the bank ended the year with a net profit of IL.26,000 (before taxes), of which IL.17,000 were transferred to reserves.

The following figures illustrate the bank's development during the last few years:

IL.000	1952	1953	1954
Share capital and reserves	220	145	97
Debentures	188	189	191
Fixed deposits	385	462	463
Current accounts	1,634	1,305	1,167
Special deposits	1,082	353	310
Cash and bankers	1,029	720	747
Securities	547	198	279
Loans outstanding	2,725	1,815	1,155

Haifa Industry Protests Taxes

THE tax burden on Haifa industries should not be heavier than it is in Ramat Gan or Natanya, because in comparison with Tel Aviv they operate at a disadvantage, the Haifa Manufacturers' Association has pointed out in a memorandum to the Mayor.

The note stressed that while Haifa's industries are concentrated in one area, which simplifies most tax problems, the main consumer area is Greater Tel Aviv, which adds transport costs to Haifa-made goods, and Haifa workers have to travel considerable distances to their jobs, with fares mostly paid for by the employers. Some essential services like a post office, a fire brigade station, a clinic are non-existent in the Bayside area. There is no central sewage system; urban telephone rates are double for Bayside lines; the industrial enterprises pay for other parts of the town.

"When the industrial zone was included in the municipal borders, we were promised that this would be a blessing for industry and would bring an improvement in services. These promises were not kept even in part, and while the factories bear a large part of the burden they are being discriminated against with regard to services," the Association complains. It also states that it had been unable so far to obtain figures on tax incidence on industry from Municipality officers.

Many employers who faced grave problems of credit and liquidity had been unable to pay their rates in time, and this had been countered by fines and attachments imposed without consulting the Association, the letter says. A promise not to raise the general tax again in 1954/55, had not been kept and was now higher in Haifa than Tel Aviv.

In the assessments, no distinction is made between buildings serving production and warehouses or other secondary structures. The Association urges that, as in Ramat Gan, the rate for the latter category should be only half as high as the rate on plants. Taxable space is measured from outside while only inside measurements can determine the actual industrial space.

ASSIS EXPORTS RISE

THE exports of "Assis" products (citrus preserves, tinned vegetables, essential oils etc.) totalled 300 tons, worth $71,000, in July. 184 tons worth $42,000 were sent to England, and the rest to Scandinavia and other Continental countries. Small quantities also went to Australia, Kenya, and Iceland. One-third was shipped in Israel vessels.

UNICEF BOTTLING EQUIPMENT IN 1955

THE planning of the UNICEF project of distributing bottled milk is nearing conclusion, it is reliably learned, and Tnuva is about to put up the necessary plant, which will occupy a special wing of its Tel Aviv diary. The building of the Haifa plant will be somewhat delayed.

The equipment will be ready for shipment to Israel in January 1955.

WEEK ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE

THE strength of TAVEI DOLLAR and PALESTINE ELECTRIC SHARES was the feature of the week (the stock exchange was closed on Tisha B'Av). The demand for TAVEI DOLLAR was evident in the last few days, increased towards the end of the week; and the price of this security improved by 15 pruta as against last week, thus coming near the best prices for TAVEI DOLLAR since May. The demand for PALESTINE ELECTRIC brought prices to slightly higher levels after the recent recession in these securities, the ISRAEL REGISTER recovering by 12 points and the LONDON REGISTER by 6 points. Smaller gains were recorded in NESHER "A" and "B" debentures, PAL. CENTRAL TRADE preference shares, ATA, GAZIT, PAL. COLD STORAGE and others.

On the other hand P.L.D.C. AFRICA-PAL. INVESTMENT, PAL. POTASH ordinary shares, JERUSALEM ELECTRIC and MILWE MILHAMA lost between 2 and 8 points. AFRICA-PAL. INVESTMENT went ex 6% bonus during the week. The ENTERPRISE OF ASSIS & BEJAR 'NO BROS has declared a 6½% final dividend, making the total 10½% for the year. The dealings in MILVE HOVAH remained reasonable and the security changed hands outside the stock exchange at a price of about 97% with coupons and 51% without coupons. There are signs that this security is in demand for investment purposes owing to its cheap price and high yield.

New York Erratic

IN spite of encouraging business news, on Friday the New York stock market closed heavily with losses caused by a widespread profit taking, averaging 2½. The fact that Chrysler halved its quarterly dividend to 75 cents contributed to the restlessness; dealings in this issue started only late during the session and showed on a block of 25,000 shares a decline of 9/4 5/8. Another exceptionally sharp decline was National Dairy, which lost 5 points, after having moved $2 higher at the opening. With well over three-million shares, trading volume was the highest in 1954 during the week.

On the whole, however, selling was fairly well absorbed, and so some quarters predict renewed advances. Aluminium shares were firm after Alcoa had announced an increase in the price of the metal. Building shares were also supported on the basis of record construction expenditure in the U.S. Lockheed stood out among aircraft stocks which were generally firm.

Dow-Jones averages for 30 industrials reflected the heaviness by dropping 4.73 points on Friday to 343.8 against 347.92 last week.

London Strong

STOCKS continued their upward trend after a bank holiday. Most of the demand seemed to be genuine investment demand, which is not influenced by the events of the day. The underlying cause for the buoyancy were the favourable July Gold and Dollar figures which are moving strongly in England's favour. In addition, the long-awaited news of the Abadan Settlement ended an awkward situation for Anglo-Iranian, which advanced from £13 to £15 3/32, with further rises expected. Gilt-edgeds advanced. Stores and Kaffirs were active. Reuters daily index for Industrials was 191.1 as against 187.2 last week and Kaffirs 86.1 as against 85.4 last week.

Gold

The Paris Gold market continued its upward move with slightly more active trading in coins, while trade in ingots was restricted. Turnovers included 15,000 Sovereigns, 25,000 Napoleons, 20,000 Swiss and 400 ingots. In the London bullion market on Friday gold was quoted at 248s. 11½d. per fine ounce.

Commodities

IN contrast to the rise in stock markets, commodities were on the whole weaker during July, yet trading circles refused to see this as a sign of the reversal of the overall upward trend that has been going on steadily since last autumn. One reason is the seasonal ebb of business activity. Cocoa and lead were firm again, while rubber was slightly easier this week.

Reuter's Commodity Index was 480.8 in comparison with 481 last week. On the whole, the balance between supply and demand continues stable.

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	Nom. Value Paid	Rise or Fall
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Pop. Loans		
1950/60 (IL.10)	1021	—
1950/75 (IL.10)	998	—
2½% Travel Dollar	1304(c)	+2
3½% War Loan 54/69	743	—1½
3½% Govt. Bonds large	981	—
Pal. Bonds		
Ser. 1	75	+½
Ser. 2	72½	+½
Ser. 3	73½	+½
B. Leumi Ord. sh.	302	—
A.P.B. Invest.		
4% Debs. 50/70	99	—
4½% Pref. sh.	100	—
Ord. sh. "P"	113½	—
Gazit Ord. Sh. "P"	1046	+2
Gen. Mortg. Bk.		
4% Debs. 48/68	72	—
5% Pref. sh.	75	—
Hever 6% Debs. 51/62	86½	—
4½% Debs 52/62 reg.	77½	—
Nir Ltd.		
6% Debs. 52/62	79	—½
5% Pref. sh.	67	—
Pass Debt. 6% 52/62	77½	—
P.L.D.C. Ord. sh. reg.	1050	—5
5% Debs.	80	—
Afr. Pal for. Ord. sh.	1050	—5
Rassco 6% Debs. 53/63	88	—
6% Pref. Ord. sh	93½	—
Pal. Potash 6% Pref. sh.	460	—
"A" Ord. sh.	206	—1
Pal. Elec. Ord. sh. (Ism.	490	+4
Pal. Elec. O.d. sh (Ldn.)	405	+2
Jerus. Electric (Ldn.)	208	+3
Makereth Pref. sh.	70½	—
Ata 6% "C" Pref. sh.	100½	—
Ord. "C" sh.	139½	—½
6-9% Conv. Debs.	102½	+½
"Kardemeh" Ord "B" sh	144½	+½
Ord. "C" sh.	144½	—
7% Conv. Debs. 53/63	112	—
Pal Brewery 6% conv.	102½	—
Assis-Beg. "P" sh.	102	+1
"Tnuva" Ord. sh.	1009	—
Rassco 6% Debs.Rev.A.	115½	—
6% Debs. Ser. B.	144	+1
Pal. Cold St. 7% Debs.	144½	—
Ledziz 6½% Pref. sh.	71	—
S.A. Blayon Ord.sh.	93	—x7
Pal. Constr. Tr. prof.	97	—b)

Notes: a) purchasing price; b) selling price; c) ex-coupons; d) ex-right; x) protet per one Dollar.

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UNDER the present import licensing system the danger of large-scale inroads of foreign goods into the domestic market is rather remote, but in individual cases the competition of imports is strong enough to interfere with local production. At one time many complaints came from the textile industry. Quite recently the *chamotte* brick factory had to curtail its output because a large order had been placed in Germany. Now the "Kaiser-Frazer" company is finding its market reduced by purchases from car manufacturers abroad.

IMPORTS AND CARTELS

As a result of the improved foreign currency position the controlling authorities have also taken a more liberal view of the import of non-essentials financed by export proceeds and capital transfers, in spite of the fact that many of the imported goods are directly or indirectly competing with local production.

This relaxation of our strict protectionism has helped to increase the supply of consumer goods and thus to maintain the purchasing power of our currency. By letting our industry "feel the pinch" it has also induced manufacturers to improve their products. Less foreign currency was also probably dissipated by this policy than is commonly assumed (in the case of Kaiser-Frazer, for instance, the added value is negligible).

But in spite of these partial successes no consistent policy has been evolved so far in this field, nor has any attempt been made (except in the food industry) to use imports as a means of regulating prices or breaking up the excessive profit margins maintained by many cartels.

The avowed aim of our economic policy has been to foster competition in order to improve efficiency and cut prices. In practice the authorities have continued to patronize market-ing and price agreements, and even apply pressure to induce newcomers to abide by "the rules of the game" at the expense of consumers and to the detriment of the economy, lest the earnings of the older firms be threatened.

Such a policy is the direct opposite of the planned development hailed by official spokesmen. And the first step towards real planning would perhaps consist not in fixing high targets for the new investments, but in streamlining the treatment of our industry which at present suffers from the lack of consistency between policy and practice.

SUPERPHOSPHATES OUTPUT SOARS

A RECORD production of 7,700 tons was reached in the superphosphate plant of the Fertilizers and Chemicals Company in June and its productive capacity rose to 300 tons a day. The total output of superphosphate was 17,500 tons during the second quarter of 1954, compared with 5,100 tons in the corresponding quarter of 1953.

As a result of a process worked out by the company's chemists, the solubility of the superphosphate in water has been increased by eight per cent commanding correspondingly better prices for the product.

The output of poultry food additive also almost doubled, and sales reached 200 tons a month. Imports of ground bonemeal have been dispensed with.

The production of sulphuric acid jumped from a monthly average of 900 tons to 2,450 tons. Seventy per cent of the acid produced was used for superphosphate manufacture and 2,000 tons were exported to Turkey and Cyprus during the three months. The export of acid to Turkey was temporarily held up pending completion of repairs in the Turkish superphosphate plant, but the regular service of the "Agnedal" will shortly be resumed. The stock of pyrites position now amount to over 12,000 tons, and markets are being sought.

New Plants

The equipment of the nitric acid plant is now awaiting release from customs. The Government has asked the company to start work on a rock phosphate calcination plant near the phosphate mines in the Negev. The process allows a considerable saving in sulphuric acid.

The P.E.C. loan raised share capital from IL.5.5m. to IL.6.6m. and the newly created common stock will be issued mainly to the Government, which will secure 50 per cent of the voting power.

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